

Payments to governments

Report 2018

Basis of Preparation and Scope

This report has been prepared as required by the Transparency Directive Amending Directive (2013/50/EU), with the disclosure of Payments to Governments, in line with Chapter 10 of the EU Accounting Directive (2013/34/EU). Royalties to governments are presented on a cash-paid basis during the reporting period. The report includes such payments for activities which relate to extraction of minerals of each of our operations. Income taxes paid relating to extractive industry activities cannot be segregated reliably from other income taxes. Therefore, income taxes paid are excluded from this report. It excludes also payments by entities that are accounted for using the equity method, such as Provadsol (BG) and Devnya Varovik (BG).

Solvay SA as parent of the group has prepared the report on a consolidated basis and reports the activity of any of its subsidiary undertakings that are active in the extractive industry. The following terms have the meanings noted below:

Government

Any national, regional or local authority of a country and includes any department, agency or undertaking controlled by such an authority.

Project

Operational activities that are governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession or similar legal agreements and form the basis for payment of liabilities to a government. Where multiple such agreements are substantially interconnected, this is considered as a single project.

Royalties

Payments to governments in respect of revenue or production related to the extraction of mineral and coal.

Disclosure threshold

Payments made to a government as a single payment or as a series of related payments of EUR 100,000 or more made in a financial year form part of this report. As a consequence, in the tables "Payments by government" and "Payments by project", some smaller payments were excluded, which explains the difference with the total in the table "Payments by country".

Payments per country

In € thousands	Royalties
Belgium	234
Spain	149
Germany	615
France	208
Italy	895
United States of America	23.777
Total	25.877

Payments by government

In € thousands	Royalties
Belgium	209
Wallonia Region	209
Spain	133
City of Polanco	133
Germany	546
District government Arnsberg	546
France	149
State of Meurthe et Moselle	149
Italy	895
Region Toscana	659
City of San Carlo	236
United States of America	23.777
National	9.404
Sweetwater county	7.465
State of Wyoming	6.909
Total	25.709

Payment by project

In € thousands	Royalties
Belgium	234
Walcourt quarry mine	234
Spain	137
Polanco salt mine	137
Germany	546
Epe Salt mine	546
France	208
Dombasle salt mine	208
Italy	895
Ponteginori salt mine	463
San Carlo quarry mine	432
United States of America	23.770
Green River soda ash mine	23.770
Total	25.791